



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6429

House of Representatives, March 22, 2011

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING STORAGE OF STOLEN PROPERTY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 54-36a of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

4 (b) (1) Whenever property is seized in connection with a criminal
5 arrest or seized pursuant to a search warrant without an arrest, the law
6 enforcement agency seizing such property shall file, on forms
7 provided for this purpose by the Office of the Chief Court
8 Administrator, an inventory of the property seized. The inventory,
9 together with the uniform arrest report, in the case of an arrest, shall be
10 filed with the clerk of the court for the geographical area in which the
11 criminal offense is alleged to have been committed; except, when the
12 property is stolen property and, in the opinion of the law enforcement
13 officer, does not exceed [two] seven hundred fifty dollars in value, or
14 when an attempt was made to steal the property but the property at all

15 times remained on the premises in a sealed container, the filing of an
16 inventory shall not be required and such property may be returned to
17 the owner. In the case of property seized in connection with a search
18 warrant without an arrest, the inventory shall be attached to the
19 warrant and shall be filed with the clerk of the court for the
20 geographical area in which the search warrant was issued. If any
21 criminal proceeding is transferred to another court location, then the
22 clerk with whom the inventory is filed shall transfer such inventory to
23 the clerk of the court location to which such action is transferred.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2011	54-36a(b)(1)

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill would result in no fiscal impact to law enforcement agencies by raising the threshold for retaining stolen property from \$250 to \$750.

Because the volume of stolen property currently retained by law enforcement agencies is minimal, the bill is not anticipated to yield savings. Currently, law enforcement agencies across the state store approximately 200 pieces of stolen property in total.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Source: Office of the Chief Court Administrator

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6429*****AN ACT CONCERNING STORAGE OF STOLEN PROPERTY.*****SUMMARY:**

Under current law, law enforcement agencies must inventory property they seize in connection with an arrest or pursuant to a warrant. They must file the inventory report with the court clerk for the geographical area where the crime was allegedly committed, except when the property is stolen and, in the law enforcement officer's opinion, valued at no more than \$250. This bill increases this threshold to \$750.

By law, the agencies may return stolen property to an owner if the value is equal to or less than the threshold.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 0 (03/08/2011)